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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., August 8th, *1890*.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Before approving your requisition for funds for the expenses of your mint for the current month, I beg to say that the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollar, contained in the act of February 28, 1878, can be used only in the coinage of silver purchased under that act, and that no portion of it can be used for expenses in connection with the act of July 14, 1890.

The act last named contains an indefinite appropriation similar to that in the act of February 28, 1878. The title of this appropriation on the books of the Department will be "Coinage of silver bullion, act of July 14, 1890."

You will please inform me what portion of your requisition of ten thousand dollars made ~~from~~ the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollar will be necessary during the current month from the appropriation contained in the act of February 28, 1878, and what

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amount from the appropriation contained in the act of July 14, 1890. You will render separate accounts of the expenses under these appropriations.

I repeat, in order that the matter may be perfectly clear, that the extra expenses for the coinage of silver dollars from bullion purchased under the act of February 28, 1878, although such coinage may not be executed for several months to come, must be paid from advances from the affropriation "for the coinage of the standard silver dollar, act of February 28, 1878", but that no expenses for coinage under the new law can be paid from that appropriation but must be paid from the appropriation for the "coinage of silver bullion, act of July 14, 1890."

Possibly it would be as well, in order to prevent so many accounts, this month, to use your regular appropriation for wages for the coinage after the 15th instant and the standard silver dollar appropriation, act of February 28, 1878, for the coinage before, and to make no requisition for an advance this month from the appropriation for "coinage of silver bullion, act of July 14, 1890". However I will leave this matter to your judgment and discretion.

Respectfully yours,

E. Leech

Director of the Mint.

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